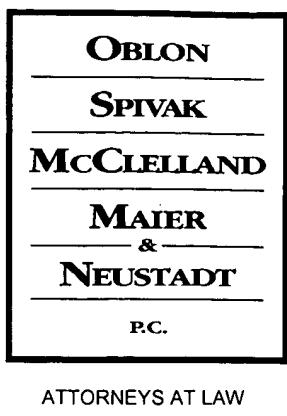




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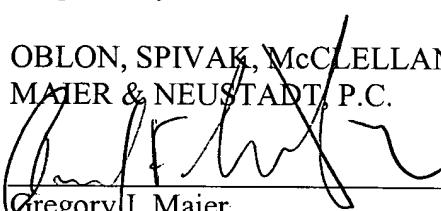
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The Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter as to Claims 32-39 on page 4 of the Action mailed May 3, 2005, is inaccurate as to the subject matter included in any particular one of Claims 32-39 and includes subject matter not found in any of these claims.

For example, this statement is inaccurate in suggesting that the subject matter of all of Claims 32-39 includes "the current direction control section" that is recited by Claim 32. Note, for example, that independent Claim 37 is a method claim that does not recite any "current direction control section."

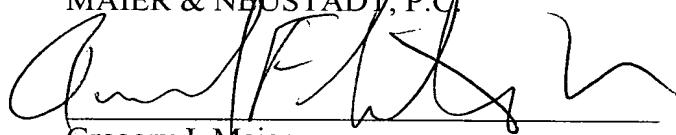
Furthermore, even though independent Claim 32 does recite a "current direction control section," it does not recite this section as selecting "one or both ends of said write line," as inaccurately suggested. Instead, Claim 32 simply recites that this section will "control the direction of write current in the write line."

Even greater inaccuracies are presented as to the subject matter of Claims 32-39. For example, none of these claims recite a "toroidal magnetic layer," much less one "disposed on one face of the layered product" as the inaccurate statement urges.

Accordingly, as the above -noted Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter as to Claims 32-39 on page 4 of the Action mailed May 3, 2005 is clearly in error as to the actual recitations of these claims, it should be withdrawn.

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